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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Resumed fifty-first session
(third part)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 116 (Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997: Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa (A/C.5/50/17, A/C.5/51/37 and Add.1 and A/51/7/Add.9), 118 (Pattern of conferences: Facilitating access by developing countries to the optical disk system (A/C.5/51/56)) and 119 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: Procedural aspects of the consideration of requests for exemption under Article 19 (A/51/11))

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The closing of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, 15 September 1997, at 11 a.m.

The fifty-second session of the General Assembly will be convened on Tuesday, 16 September 1997, at 3 p.m.

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-first session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the Journal (No. 1997/173 (PART II)).

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administration and financial functioning of the United Nations: Strengthening of the external oversight mechanisms (A/49/471 and Corr.1, A/49/633, A/49/368 and Corr.1 and A/51/674))

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Resumed fifty-first session
(third part)

3 p.m.	73rd meeting	Conference Room 3
10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 73rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 8 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 72nd meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement regarding the Committee's programme of work.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy, the United States and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Chairman of the Committee and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee responded to questions posed.

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Permanent Representative of Austria in his capacity as Chairman of the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations, introduced the report of that Working Group.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, the United States, Indonesia and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

On the proposal of the Chairman the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the report of the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations and to transmit it to the General Assembly for appropriate action.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee introduced the report of that Committee on the subject.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Saudi Arabia.

The Director of the General Legal Division and the Controller responded to questions posed.

Pattern of conferences [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Facilitating access by developing countries to the optical disk system

The Chief of Information Management Services introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

The representative of New Zealand made a statement.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Procedural aspects of the consideration of requests for exemption under Article 19

The Chairman made a statement.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Management in the United Nations

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of France also made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of an oral decision on the matter.

Other matters

The Chairman read out the text of a letter received from the Spokesman for the Secretary-General in connection with the events that led to the turning off of the MX system on 17 March 1997.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of the letter and accepted the apologies conveyed.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement regarding security procedures at Headquarters.

The representative of Indonesia also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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